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Queen To Be Crowned March 15

Bank Said Likely In Y. Valley

A Los Angeles bank has stated that another bank has filed an application to establish a branch in Yucca Valley, it was revealed at the Property Owners League meeting last week.

In reply to a query from the property owners group, the First Western Bank and Trust Co. said in a letter that a preliminary survey of the area had been made and that "our investigation revealed . . . that another bank has filed an application . . . for permission to establish a branch in Yucca Valley."

" . . . there is no point in our pursuing the matter further," the letter continued.

The letter did not name the other bank. And no mention was made whether or not a permit had been granted.

But the letter said that the bank which first files an application receives precedence in obtaining a permit.

The letter concluded by saying that should the first applicant be unable to obtain a permit, the First Western Bank would be "happy to reconsider" the establishment of a branch in Yucca Valley.

The letter was signed by E. K. Niles, Bank Properties Department.



REAL-GONE WEST—Grubstake Queen candidates (L to R) Tyna English, Sandee Harmon, Midge Tunstall, Sylvia Mahoney and Edna Briggs are all dressed up in bows and bonnets as the contest to pick one of them to reign over Grubstake Days enters its final week. (Rodney Jones)

To Reign Over Grubstake Days

Yucca Valley's Grubstake Queen will be crowned at the Coronation Ball, to be held March 15 in the new multi-purpose room at the Yucca Valley School.

At what is touted as the most extravagant, super special, star-dusted, moon-beamed, all-get-out dance since the game was invented, one of the five lovely girls in the contest will be crowned queen to reign over Grubstake Days May 16-18.

The same evening, runners-up in the contest will be installed as her court and will reign as princesses.

Who the lucky girl will be re-
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HOSPITAL COST STUDY IS GIVEN

It would cost about \$276,500 to build and equip a modern 10-bed hospital in Yucca Valley, a fact-finding committee reported Feb. 27 to a public meeting held at the elementary school.

U.S. Department of Health figures for such a project are \$24 per square foot on construction and an additional 5 per cent for equipment, according to a report made by Bob Barngrover, chairman of the committee.

The fact-finders — Bob Barngrover, V. Ray Bennett, the Rev. David Hansen, Dean Howell and Harold Brown — have been gathering data on emergency medical facilities for the past six months.
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CUB SCOUT AWARDS MADE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK

School Cafeteria Begins Operation

Some 187 pupils lunched on Italian spaghetti with meat sauce March 3 as the new cafetorium at the Yucca Valley School went into operation.

On hand for the opening were members of the Morongo School District Board of Trustees Bob Sharp, Ethel Stine, B. F. Arnold and Mary Ojala; superintendent Samuel McElfresh, principal Myrl Rupel, Chamber of Commerce president Roy Roush and district cafeteria supervisor Mrs. Virginia Robinson.

Cafeteria manager Helen Greswike and her assistants Irene Tedder and Frieda Piazza kept the line moving smoothly in what was described as "a successful and delicious opening."

Meanwhile, target date for the opening of the cafeteria at the Oasis School has been set for March 17, according to McElfresh, district superintendent. This would bring the total of cafeterias in operation within the district up to three, he said.

Earl Deal Jr. and Tom Peters were presented trophies as Outstanding Cub Scouts of 1957 at the annual Blue and Gold dinner held Feb. 27 at the American Legion Hall in Yucca Valley.

Other Cub Scouts of Pack 75 who were honored at the Charter Day supper were: Jerry Higgins, Tony Crottsenburg, Tommy Humphryville, Jimmie Lace, Robert Hicks, Daniel Breman, Richard Howe, Mike Marble, Alfred Donaldson and David Wilson.

Cub Scoutmaster Woody Wilson directed the evening program.

After a delicious potluck dinner served by den mothers of Pack 75, the Rev. Carl Wahlquist spoke to the more than 60 Cubs, den mothers, parents and Scouting officials who attended.

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YUCCA VALLEY TEMPERATURES

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 24	67	42	
Feb. 25	52	38	.08
Feb. 26	62	35	
Feb. 27	67	28	
Feb. 28	62	38	
March 1	64	34	
March 2	61	28	
Total rainfall to date: 5.23.			

New Escrow Firm To Open In Yucca Soon

The Tri Valley Escrow Corp. will open new offices in Yucca Valley March 17 at the southwest corner of the 29 Palms highway and Bannock Trail.

The firm, which has had an office in 29 Palms since October, 1953, is noted for its experience in handling real estate loans and escrows. President of the company, J. J. Connell, was formerly with the California Bank in Los Angeles, where he specialized in this type of transaction.

Carol Jean Grant is vice president of the corporation; Wallace B. Grant is secretary-treasurer and manager of the 29 Palms office.

Harold G. Dunn, who will manage the Yucca Valley office, has had extensive background experience in accounting and real estate.

Dunn and his wife Margaret have just become permanent residents of the high desert after having been "weekenders" for the past four years.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN FEBRUARY HIT \$373,461

Building permits for February were valued at \$373,461 in the Yucca-Morongo Valley inspection district, according to figures released this week by Ed Boyd, San Bernardino County building inspector.

This represents an increase of \$89,312 from the January total.

The February figure is more than \$40,000 above the average value of permits issued in the area for the previous six months.

TV CABLE EXTENSION WORK DUE TO START IN MARCH

Work extending the television cable in the Morongo Valley-Yucca Valley area appeared certain to start in March as final negotiations were opened this week on a joint pole agreement between the Lucerne Valley Engineering Co., Inc., and the telephone company.

Signing of the agreement will mean that the cable can be strung quickly and economically as soon as enough subscription agreements have been signed with users in the area, according to Neil Groom, local representative for the company.

More than the minimum required by the company have indicated they would sign up for the cable, Groom said.

"We will be stringing cable in Morongo Valley by the end of the

month," he said. Work on bringing the cable into Yucca Valley will start as soon as the job is completed in Morongo Valley, he added.

Groom, interviewed in his company,
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CORRECTION

The boundaries of the proposed Community Service District in Morongo Valley were incorrectly stated in the Hi-Desert Star last week. The correct description of the boundaries of the proposed district is: "22 sections of Township 1 South, Range 4 East, San Bernardino County. Sections included are: 10 through 24 and 27 through 33."

More Things To Remember When You Are Asked To Cash Checks

Ever see a check bounce? Sheriff Frank Bland's forgery detail has compiled a list of 22 things to remember when someone asks you to cash a check. This is the second in a series of three articles in which the Hi-Desert Star features these "check points."—Editor.)

8. Never leave your signature around or in a waste basket — keep your checkbook out of reach — never leave any signed checks around.

9. Don't let "big company" checks impress you. Their checks are often stolen or duplicated.

10. Steer clear of second endors-

ers or checks with too many endorsers.

11. Watch out for the check made to one who lives too far from the store. Establish the accuracy of the endorser's address.

12. Have customers establish themselves with you (just as though opening a checking account) before cashing their checks. Advise them to tell you before hand if they will be bringing a large check.

13. Make notations on check as to change of address or operator's license number.

14. Don't accept checks from juveniles.

Mike Holub Is Named To Chamber Board

Mike Holub was named president of the Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce Feb. 26 when the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Larry Ewen. D. F. Geil was named to fill the vacancy on the board.

In a letter to the chamber, Ewen, who retains his membership in the organization, said that the press of business obligations made it impossible for him to give enough time to meet the responsibilities of his office.

Holub, long a vigorous force

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within the chamber, steps back into a position he left only two months before when Ewen was voted in at the annual election Jan. 1.

Expressing full confidence in his

board of directors, Holub said he considered the difficulties facing the chamber as a personal challenge and that he would do his best to give the organization a businesslike footing.

MORONGO VALLEY MESSENGER

THURSDAY, MARH 6, 1958

—GATEWAY TO THE HI-DESERT—

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Morongo Valley Notes

By CARLETTE

Another sunny Monday morning with no snow hitting the valley. Tiny flower heads are creeping into sight for we get rather cooling winds from the heavy snow-covered mountains and the nights are chill. Do wish some knowing person would give me the information about the unusual plant commonly called "desert candlestick" and I don't mean the yucca. A lady just brought me a plant of this and it is different from the plants that grow in this zone. It will be photographed and colored, but I do not know the botanical genus.

White and Wyckoff notes at Juniper Tree Import Co.

One of the joys of having a cafe

in the rural desert area is to be able to toss left-over tid-bits to the numerous animals and birds that come around the building. For nearly a year we have known from various signs that a coyote has been "casing the joint" and grabbing bones and ham skins from the compost pit. The other night, the thrill of the year occurred. Under the bright door lights appeared one of the most beautiful coyotes one could imagine. He (presumably) grabbed some meat from the cat's pan of food and trotted away about 50 feet, then returned and did it again. Finally appetite overcame valor and he remained at the pan until it was finished. I was just inside the door and had the vantage point of view within four feet. He was sleek and well fed, his coat was smooth and the white ruff showed clearly; the

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Total rainfall 6.04.			

reddish and cream chest was silky. His eyes were very wide open and nervously alert. Thick bushy tail and very slender legs were noted. No camera at hand, I could only stand there gaping until Mr. C was ready to move on and, as he seemed to be so much at home on the spot, perhaps some night we can get a picture of him. Needless to say, the cats kept in the shelter of the juniper tree, while the visitor was feasting.

Masslenn Guest Towels at Juniper Tree Import Co.

Visitors to the valley: Miss Leila Lamont and her guest, Miss Inez Waldrop of Los Angeles make stopovers in Morongo when they drive through the valley on the way to her cabin on the Amboy Road, Sec. 13. They love the desert and rock-pickin' is good out that way.

Dude Sands and his Missus from Knott's Berry Farm were in the valley a few days ago. Dude is an enjoyable personage, one of the neatest jobs seen these days, in his western outfit and carefully waxed mustachio. Always glad to see this couple.

Observations: Thanks should be said to a few men in the valley who go ahead and work on the several projects that mean so much to the welfare of the valley. Especially to Glenn Nufer who worked all by himself recently, throwing plaster on the Community Hall kitchen . . . mixing, carrying and smoothing it on. Some work, some just talk. Idle hands cause a lot of trouble. There is no such things as prestige in position in a small place like Morongo Valley. Work and common sense accomplish the worthwhile things. Sidewalk superintendents are not needed on community projects.

Thanks to Ernie Kouba for anticipating the needs of the community and putting in general store goods that one needs occasionally as well as every day.

Thanks to Jimmie Freeman for his Lost and Found service—dogs it is this time. And to Johnnie Kobaly and Hugh Thompson and the Water Company . . . poles for the night lights at the Covington Park ball ground . . . these young men work with their hands. And thanks for a couple like Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, who are always ready to pitch in and work at what comes up.

Any one have any ideas about raising money for large signs designating Morongo Valley, Gateway to the Hi-Desert? Can the community of Morongo Valley chip in and get some signs? A matter of community pride is involved. This means everyone that lives here.

Redwood trees will be planted along certain stretches of U.S. Highway 101 where these trees do not grow, reports the Automobile Club of Southern California.

New Development In Covington Park Situation

A major development in the Covington Park issue came this week when it was discovered that the Chamber of Commerce's liability insurance had lapsed and Mike Holub, president of the Chamber, ordered some open holes at the park filled at the Park Board's expense.

No such expense has been authorized by the Park Board, informed sources said.

The cost of labor and materials to be used in filling the holes has not yet been determined.

Stating that the "uncovered, unprotected" excavations around poles at the baseball ground created a "dangerous condition," Holub said the Chamber could not afford the risk of someone injuring himself at the park and that he was acting to prevent an accident.

At deadline, no action had been taken by the Chamber's Board of Directors to buy new insurance. Nor had the park been closed to admittance until a solution to the problem could be worked out.

Meanwhile, a majority of the

M. V. Sidelights

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nance from Long Beach have purchased a lot on Ryan Street.

The Morongo Valley Women's Social Club meeting March 6 will feature a Dutch auction, with the prize being donated by Mrs. Elsie Cubit. The meeting, at Mrs. Mary Mullins' home on Rawson Road, will hear Mrs. Clem Barrett describe her travels in South America.

Mrs. Sylvia Lewis and Mrs. Lula Heales have bought a lot on the corner of Sahuaro and Ryan Sts.

Another Teen-Dance is scheduled this week. Time: March 7 at 7:30 p.m. Place: Same old. Come and meet your friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown and their two children have rented the upstairs apartment belonging to Mary Ballard. Bob works for a paint contractor in Palm Springs.

Park Board of Governors called a meeting to be held at 3 p.m. March 5 for the purpose of electing new officers. The meeting, for Park Board members only, was to be held in George Bailey's home on Paradise Ave.

Members of the Park Board and the Chamber's Board of Directors are to hold a joint meeting March 6 in an effort to work out a settlement as to who will administer the park.

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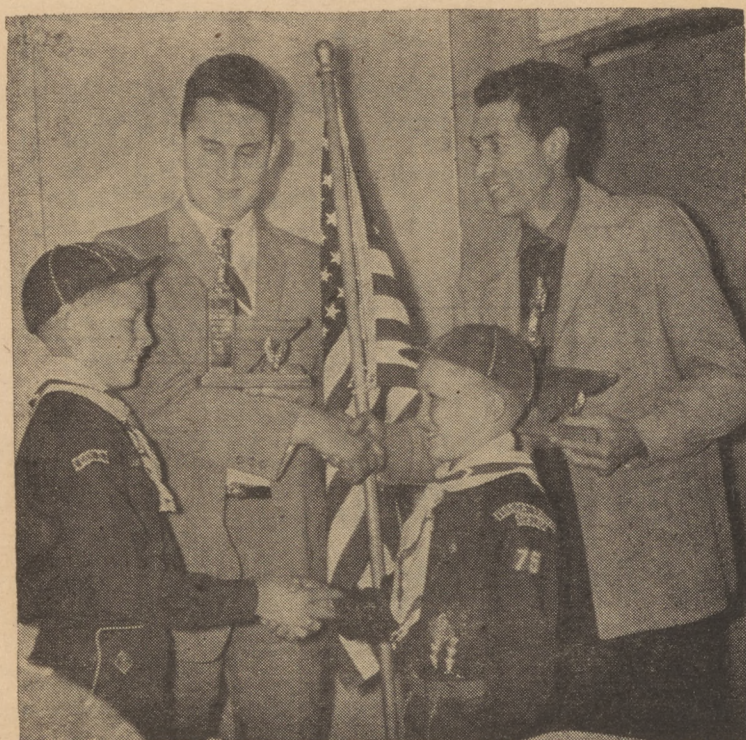
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OUTSTANDING CUBS—Earl Deal Jr. (left) and Tom Peters both were presented trophies as Outstanding Cub Scout of 1957 at the annual Blue and Gold dinner held this week at the American Legion Hall in Yucca Valley. Proud fathers of the boys share their sons' enthusiasm. (Rodney Jones)

CUB SCOUT AWARDS MADE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK

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Stating that Pack 75's Charter Day coincided with the birthday of Cub Scouting in the United States, Rev. Wahlquist reminded those present that the great objectives in the movement are "good will and brotherhood to all mankind."

Scouting, the committee head for the area said, brings out in young men the best in health achievement and thought. Such a background prepares a boy for life, he said.

Presentation of the charter was made by Les LeSulsaunier, district representative of the Arrowhead Council. Dr. Herbert Reed, acting representative of the sponsoring organization, American Legion Post 469, accepted the charter and gave it to Bill Lacey who was acting for Gale Taylor as institutional representative.

William King, Pack 75 committee chairman, presented cards and pins to the den mothers and charged them with their responsibilities for the coming year. Den mothers are: Mrs. Jean Kees, Mrs.

BAKE SALE

A bake sale, sponsored by the Hi-Desert Assembly Rainbow for Girls Mothers Club, will be held March 8 at Paul Goakes Real Estate office on the 29 Palms highway in Morongo Valley.

The sale, under the direction of Mrs. Dwight Rawson and Mrs. Paul Goakes, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The public is invited.

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Mining Council Takes Stand On Claim Taxation

The Morongo Basin chapter of the Western Mining Council, Inc., took action March 2 to support the Council by voting to oppose taxation on unpatented mining claims. The meeting was held in the American Legion Hall in Yucca Valley.

J. P. Hall, president of the Council, attended the meeting and told members that at the Madera meeting in February, the Council had passed a similar motion to define its position with regard to taxation "of the right to mine."

W. D. Jenkins, president of the local chapter, urged members to support the program and reminded them that the Council's membership of more than 16,000 was joined in the fight to protect miners' interests.

PATROL WARNS ABOUT SCHOOL BUS PASSING

Do not pass a school bus stopped on a rural highway with red lights flashing warns the California Highway Patrol.

"When the red lights on top of a school bus are flashing, it indicates children are about to cross the road at that point," states Capt. L. W. Watson of the Patrol's Indio area office. "Motorists approaching such a school bus from either direction are required to stop and wait until the lights are turned off before proceeding."

"An exception is when the stopped school bus is on the opposite portion of a divided highway," Capt. Watson said. "Although motorists are not required to stop before passing a stopped school bus without red lights flashing, it is smart to slow down and be prepared for any emergency."

"Frequently, children do the unexpected," the captain continued. "Adults must use extra caution when driving in or near school zones or anytime school children are near the street or highway."

Toastmistresses Present Program

The American way of life as seen by our foreign neighbors was the subject of a panel program presented by the Oro Y Azul Toastmistress Club at the Feb. 25 meeting of the Yucca Valley Woman's Club.

Jane Kye Singleton, chairman of the month, introduced those on the program. Toastmistress Club president Clara Brownlee acted as moderator.

Entertaining the meeting were Jessie Ray Taylor, who gave a monologue reading from "The American;" Mrs. Betty Erishman, who sang "America the Beautiful," and "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," from "Miss Liberty;" and Mrs. Gloria Amrine who participated in the discussion.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Terry Pausch and Mrs. John Howland.

If you hear a scraping noise that shows up only during the first one or two brake applications after your car has stood overnight, it may be caused by rust on the brake drums. This formation takes place rapidly, particularly during periods of high humidity, says the Automobile Club of Southern California. It is not harmful in any way and does not impair the efficiency of the brakes.

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TWO TURTLE RACES SHAPE UP FOR JOSHUA TREE

Joshua Tree's annual turtle race appeared to be shaping up into two heats this week as a citizen's

committee campaigned for the event to be held on the traditional May date and the National Turtle Race Committee went ahead with plans for June.

Residents at a meeting Feb. 27 in the Community Hall elected Mrs. Mary Ojala to head a committee of nine for the purpose of working up the event on the earlier date.

"This committee feels that the turtle races should be the main event and not secondary to a carnival," Mrs. Ojala said.

In the past, the races have been run in conjunction with a carnival. This year booking for the carnival was made in June.

At a meeting Feb. 28, the National Turtle Races Committee, comprised of representatives of Joshua Tree V.F.W. Post 7264 and the Chamber of Commerce, voted to provide \$100 in prize money and assigned carnival booths to businessmen and civic organizations.

The citizen's group plans to hold its turtle races May 3-4 at Sportsman Field. In addition to the races, games and foot-races for children will be held and booths featuring rock hound collections and gem displays will be featured. There will be a dance the evening of May 3.

The National Turtle Races Committee so far has seven candidates for queen and more are expected. The \$100 prize money will be given to the person who picks the name of the girl actually chosen queen.



What's all this nonsense about "the good old days?" We can't understand why some gals are still doing things the way Grandma did back in '96—spending the hottest days of the summer steaming over their canning chores.

The "new look" in putting up your fruits and vegetables is freezing. With plastic freeze bags and boxes now available, it's a pleasant summertime job. It's easier and faster and, believe it or not, hubby will actually enjoy helping you (well, almost).

We've just finished packaging corn for "reference" next winter.



This year we froze kernels and whole ears—the kernels in freeze boxes, the whole ears in bags. Each bag will hold enough to serve two

people. Remember—regardless of which method you use—leave a little air space for best results.

If you don't have a freezer you can use the freezing compartment of your refrigerator or rent a locker in a cold-storage plant.

Longer Life For Leather

Here's a tip passed along by a Canadian reader on how to clean leather, synthetic leather and plastic goods. Wet a Brillo soap pad slightly and rub over the leather in a circular motion. Then, using a circular motion in the opposite direction, rub the material with a soft clean cloth before it dries. This works wonders on luggage, muddy shoes, handbags and auto seat covers.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

How's the weather out your way, dry? It hasn't rained in our neighborhood for the last



three weeks but both our flower and vegetable gardens are still as healthy and as colorful as can be—thanksto that Kordimulch we bought

this spring. This new black plastic mulch really hoards the moisture and the garden requires very little watering. It seems so nice to have big fresh flowers in the house when most people are struggling to keep their gardens alive.

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RED CROSS FUND DRIVE LIKELY TO EXCEED QUOTA

The loyalty and enthusiasm of local Red Cross drive campaigners led Mrs. Elsie Marshall, Yucca Valley's drive chairman, to predict this week that the community would exceed its quota during the present campaign.

Praising Wes Yale, Beulah Pausch, Edith Howland, Edna Jenkins, and Mabel Mellette of Yucca Valley and Lucy Heyman of Rim Rock, Mrs. Marshall said that she was not "overdrawing on her optimism" by anticipating full support of the drive.

Mrs. Marshall cited the recent Red Cross advanced first aid training classes for ambulance attendants and firemen in stating that an expanded demand for Red

Cross services means a greater need for contributions.

Headquarters for this year's drive is in Terry Pausch's office on the 29 Palms highway.

New Members Initiated In Rainbow Girls

At a regular meeting Feb. 26, the Hi-Desert Assembly Rainbow for Girls initiated Nancy Waldren, Kristine Waldorf and Janet Langford as new members of the order.

Those at the meeting heard Mrs. Chapman, mother advisor, give a report on Grand Assembly requirements and instructions for those attending.

Visiting the meeting for the first time were Col. H. A. Waldorf and Maj. W. E. Hemingway of the Marine Corps Base and Mrs. Jean Cortner of Palm Springs.

Rainbow Girls are now selling tickets for an Irish stew dinner to be held March 19 at Jerry's Cafe in Joshua Tree. The price is \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children.

The next regular meeting of the Assembly is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 12 at the Sportsmen's Hall in Joshua Tree.

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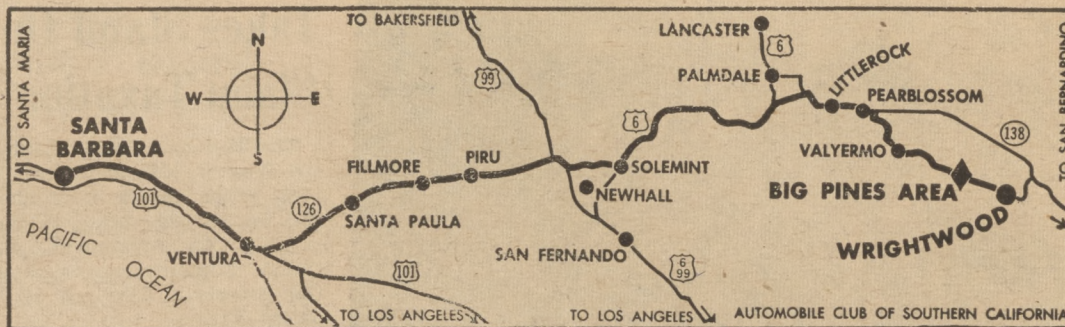
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AUTO CLUB MOTORLOG

Holiday Hill, Table Mountain, Blue Ridge Offer Choice Skiing

(The following motorlog is one of a series prepared by the Automobile Club of Southern California)

Although the Big Pines area no longer has the distinction of having the only ski-jump hill in Southern California—as it did in the 1930's—this San Gabriel Mountains winter resort is still one of the most popular in the Southland.

And the main reason for its continuing popularity stems from the fact that Holiday Hill, Table Mountain and Blue Ridge have attractions for the novice, intermediate and expert skier.

Two other advantages of this area are its proximity to the Big Pines Recreation Park and the accommodations available in the nearby town of Wrightwood and at Blue Ridge, itself.



Highest skiing point in the Big Pines area is at Holiday Hill, 8,300 feet above sea level. From here the beginner can try the "Sky Flat," and the more advanced skier can take a fling at "Olympic Bowl." At break-time one can head for the Swiss-style restaurant at the top of the ski run, where it is possible to view the Mojave Desert or Pacific Ocean with equal facility. There is also a restaurant on the lower level, which serves hot food and drinks.

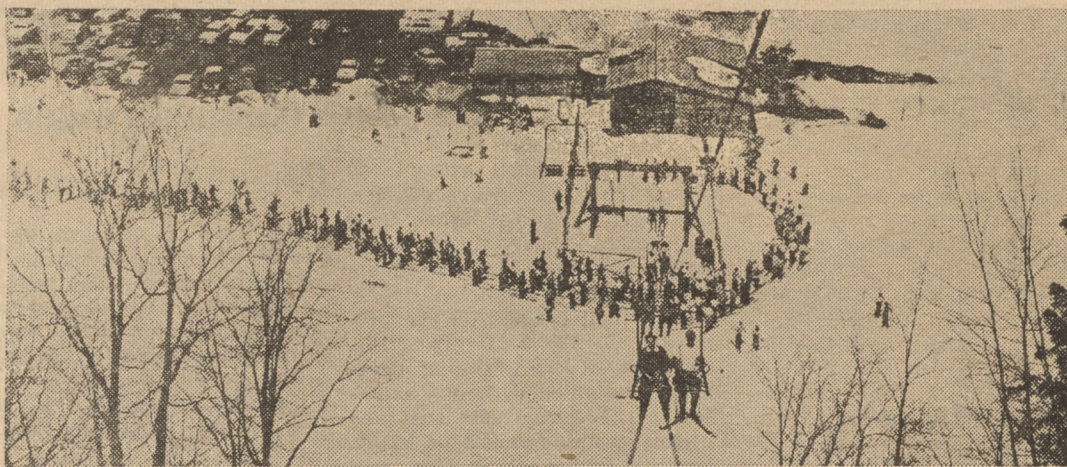
Nearby Table Mountain offers three tows for beginners, a ski school and rental facilities. For the intermediate skier there is a long ridge and wide open slopes leading down to the Pomalift's lower terminal, and experts will find a challenge in a

vast bowl-like area which was recently cleared of trees. In this area is a chalet with a huge, outdoor deck overlooking Showoff Hill and a sun porch with a commanding view of mountains and desert.

Across the main road from Table Mountain is Blue Ridge, which, this year, has a new double chair-lift with an 850-person capacity. In addition, there are three tows, one for beginners.

A 140-mile trip from Santa Barbara, the Big Pines ski area is reached by following US 101 south to Ventura; California 126 east to Saugus Junction; Saugus Cutoff to Solemint; US 6 to Littlerock Cutoff, thence via Littlerock and Valermo to the ski area or Wrightwood.

OLYMPIC BOWL — Holiday Hill's challenge to expert skiers is Olympic Bowl. Nearby Table Mountain and Blue Ridge are other ski spots in Big Pines area. Accommodations are available at nearby Wrightwood and at Blue Ridge, itself.



UP, PLEASE — Here is the start of a long ride to the top skiing point at Holiday Hill, 8,300 feet. A Swiss-style res-

taurant is at top of ski run. Big Pines area offers special rates during the week to students, members of armed forces.

STORM CUTS OFF ELECTRIC SUPPLY OVER AREA

High winds were blamed Tuesday night for starting a fire on a high electric pole on West Pierson Boulevard across from Norm's Motel and which was fought by the Desert Hot Springs Fire Department members under difficult conditions.

The wind damage plunged Desert Hot Springs and the high desert areas of 29 Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and others into darkness. Power was off for some 50 minutes here and for about four hours in the high desert area. The high winds damaged the 33,000 volt transmission line causing the pole fire.

Emergency crews made temporary repairs to restore service and the service was again interrupted from 6:54 to 7:47 a.m. Wednesday in some areas when permanent repairs were effected.

The DHS power failure occurred at 11:22 p.m. Tuesday. While the firemen were fighting the blaze, traffic along the highway was halted due to possible danger. Roger Feldman, California Electric service representative here,

who was on hand, praised the due high commendation for a fine work done by the fire department, job done under difficult conditions. "The Fire Department is tions."

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HIGHWAY ACCIDENT—Byron McCracken (left) of Norwalk, was driving to Giant Rock last week when a car driven by Marine Cpl. Earl Field smashed into his car and pushed it off the road. McCracken's father and a passenger in Field's car were treated for injuries. Here, deputy sheriff R. H. Webb directs traffic. Officer Denis Ichtentz investigated for the Highway Patrol. (R. Jones)

Still Chance To Name Show Queen Candidate

Cities and communities in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and San Bernardino counties will have the opportunity, if they have not already done so, to enter a finalist in the contest to pick a queen for the 1958 National Orange Show in San Bernardino, April 10-20.

Winner will be awarded "California Orange Queen" title, a free flight to Honolulu via Transocean Air Line Super Constellation and an all-expense-paid vacation at the famed Hawaiian Village Hotel on Waikiki Beach.

Final judging will take place Friday evening, March 14, at a gala free stage show in Swing Auditorium on the National Orange Show grounds.

Sacramento has more historic buildings dating from the American pioneer period than any other city in California, reports the Automobile Club of Southern California.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION ENDS HEARING ON PHONE SERVICE

The California Public Utilities Commission late last week concluded ahead of schedule what was to have been a three-day hearing in Palm Springs on telephone service in the desert area.

Lack of any sizable number of complaints allowed the commission to conclude its hearing ahead of time. Examiner Manley Edwards of the commission said that everybody is anxious to close the case, which began in 1956 when desert residents and organizations protested service being rendered here

and elsewhere by California Water and Telephone Co., Coachella Valley Telephone Co., and others.

During last week's hearing, several witnesses testified in behalf of the companies regarding improvements which have been made in recent months.

The commission a few weeks ago ordered California Water and Telephone to start toll-free service between Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs within the next year. Company officials testified that during 1957, the firm spent more than \$2 million on equipment to improve its service to area residents.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Search is under way to find 2000 high school seniors in Southern California who have made superior records as young citizens and scholars. All will receive special citations under the 1958 Bank of America Achievement Awards program, and the top 240 will divide cash awards totaling \$31,400.

This is the Southland's share of \$54,200 in awards the bank is giving throughout the state.

Committees of teachers and principals in virtually all of the public, private and parochial high schools of Southern California are now making their selections. Awards are based on scholarship, leadership, character and promise of service to society. Winners in the first round will be announced in mid-March.

If you drive an automobile remember this—the key to preventing traffic accidents is you, says the Automobile Club of Southern California. Being courteous and cooperating with other motorists are the most important parts of driving safely.

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Currently under way in cities throughout the state, the contest offers thousands of dollars in prizes for outstanding talents in such everyday homemaking chores as sewing, cooking, baking and table settings.

The state's leading homemaker will be named Mrs. California at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles April 7-9 and will receive a new automatic gas range, refrigerator, complete wardrobe, portable sewing machine, a two-week vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and other prizes. Four other state finalists will also win new ranges.

Arrowrock Dam, 24 miles east of Boise, Idaho, is one of the highest irrigation dams in the world, says the Automobile Club of Southern California.

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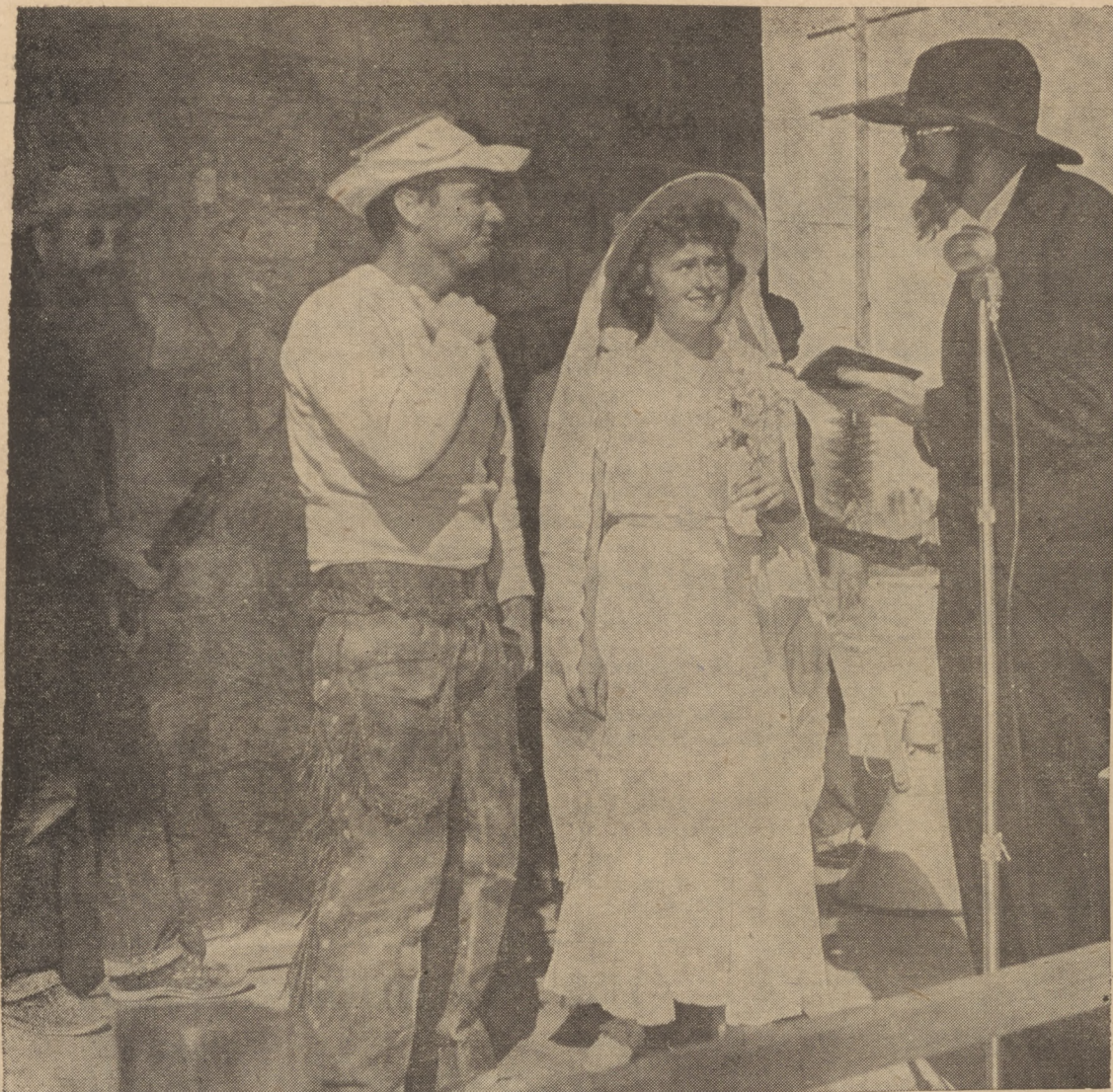
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"DO YOU TAKE . . .?"—There seems to be no question about it as "paw" Morongo Slim urges "bridegroom" Ralph Kingston to wed Donna Reche. Eddie Garver is doing the honors in a skit put on March 1 by Equestrian Trails, Corral 46. The show was to promote ticket sales for Grubstake Queen candidate Sylvia Mahoney. (Rodney Jones)

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDERS WHOOOP IT UP FOR QUEEN

As March 1 blew into town, so paign for our queen candidate for did the members of Equestrian Trails, Corral 46. Down from their hill retreats, in from their flat land ranches, afoot and ahorse Down from Burnt Mountain Dude ranch came Buck Brown with his covered wagon, conveying the wedding party.

The rest of us waited for them to arrive at the new building of club members Ken and Marion Bonser, 'cause when we folks do something we do it up real good. This worthy event was to honor the grand opening of the Bonser building and further our cam-

Grubstake Days, Sylvia Mahoney. The wedding cast included Rev. Eddie Garver, doin' what comes natural for him; a most reluctant groom, Ralph Kingston; a hopeful bride, Donna Reche, aided and backed by paw and his for real shotgun, Lou Eckert.

Ruby Whitaker MC'd the event with her own sound equipment. The Green Valley Boys gave out with some real western music. Certainly hope we can have them again for future shindigs. This is one event I feel pretty hard put to place personal credit. Joyce

Kenny comes through near the top, and then all members fell into the plan so whole heartedly I didn't even know half of them in their hillbilly garbs . . . If this is any proof of club teamwork, I gladly say, we've got it made for a successful future.

Be seeing all you readers around again, because you haven't seen nor heard the end of this active group. (Kit.)

BOWLING

The keggers from Kouba's Market are out in front in two divisions of the Pioneer Bowl League this week, Mixed Doubles and Joshua Tree National Monument. In the Ladies Handicap, the Yucca Valley Coffee Shop is leading, while the Joshua Tree Builders have constructed a nice lead in the Tri Valley division. League standings follow:

Division	W	L
Ladies Handicap (Mon.)		
Y.V. Coffee Shop	41½	21½
Foxes of Rim Rock	35½	27½
Red Dog Cocktails	32	31
St. Mary's	29	34
El Desert Gas Bags	29	34
Hi-Desert Interior	22	41
Mixed Doubles (Tues.)		
Kouba's Market	37½	31½
Yucca Valley Inn	35	34
Johnson's Corner	35	34
Paul-Val Liquor	35	34
Saw Shop	33½	35½
Hardesty's Floor Cover	31	38
Tri Valley (Wed.)		
Joshua Tree Builders	59½	32½
Sportsmen's Club	58	34
American Legion	43½	48½
Hi-Desert Disposal	43	49
Morongo Indians	43	49
Yucca Valley Lions	29	63
J.T. Nat'l Monument		
Kouba's Market	57	35
Callahan's	55	37
Arch Construction	53	39
Lindsey's Insurance	47	45
St. Mary's	37	55
Burnt Mt. Trailer Park	27	65

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

New subscribers to the Hi-Desert Star added during the last week include:

Laurance McGuire, Yucca Valley; Ethel Griffen, Morongo Valley; Walter N. Stewart, Los Angeles; Frank Torquato, San Pedro, and M. V. Inglet, Duarte.

See you at the Grubstake Queens Coronation Ball Saturday, March 15th. Yucca Valley School.

BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS

Morongo Valley's Windmill Library, one of the smallest libraries in the largest county in the United States, is featuring books written on the subject of the desert during the month of March. Exhibited with the newly published books, "My Life on the Mojave," by June Le Mert Paxton, and Lulu Rasmussen O'Neal's "Peculiar Piece of Desert," are Joseph Wood Krutch's "The Voice of the Desert" and Edmund C. Jaeger's "The California Deserts."

Krutch's book is illustrated with unusual photographs of desert creatures and plants, beautifully done by Marvin Frost and Lewis Wayne Walker, both associated with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum at Tucson.

"The Voice of the Desert" is a naturalist's interpretation of the

area surrounding the city of Tucson, and he runs the gamut between why fleas do not grow on the local dogs, to the metabiological aspects of the higher and lower forms of desert life and their survival values.

Jaeger is no newcomer to the desert and his books are looked upon as one of the most authoritative sources of information on all parts of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts.

In "California Deserts" he takes the beginner from the focal points through the vagaries of the changing weather of the different desert seasons, discussing at length the desert's past with its physiographic aspects, with hints for modern day traveling.

A clipping from the Desert Spotlight of December, 1946, gives an illustrated article "Old Trails to Twentynine Palms" by Maude Carrico Russell with a photograph of a caravan enroute to Twentynine Palms in 1910, stopping for water at the old Warren's Well.

Miss Russell includes in her descriptive article the names of the Indians of those days who lived at Twentynine Palms and the Indian Government Superintendent and his aides at the Agency.

County Branch Librarian, Maxine Crottsenburg, asks local residents having any books or clippings depicting the history of the Morongo Basin to loan them to the library for the month of March for this exhibit of desert literature. (Maxine Crottsenburg.)

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Queen To Be Crowned Here On March 15

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mains a deep, dark secret until the big moment at the dance when the coronation will take place.

Tyna English, Miss Lions Club; Sylvia Mahoney, Miss Equestrian Trails; Sandee Harmon, Miss American Legion; Edna Briggs, Miss Property Owners League, and Midge Tunstall, Miss Rotary Club are the candidates.

Deadline for queen ticket sales is 1 p.m. March 15. There is still a week to go.

Coronation Ball tickets are \$1.50 per couple. Door prizes will be given on dance tickets at a drawing to be held at the ball.

A drawing also will be held on queen tickets and holders of the lucky numbers will win: (1) One \$100 savings bond, (2) a set of stainless steel kitchenware, and (3) three \$25 savings bonds.

The queen's cake, to be cut at the Coronation Ball, is to be baked by Mrs. Lee Green.

Helen Boyd will MC the program which will feature music by local musicians.

See you at the Grubstake Queens Coronation Ball Saturday, March 15th, Yucca Valley School.

ONLY YESTERDAY—



TV CABLE EXTENSION WORK DUE TO START IN MARCH

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pany's new location a block and a half south of the 29 Palms highway on Bannock Trail in Yucca Valley, clarified the firm's position in regards to fees if a subscriber should move his residence. "There is a \$10 charge for disconnecting and reconnecting," he said. "The original \$100 hookup charge is not made again."

Meanwhile, in 29 Palms, Feb. 24, a check for \$25,000 was presented to Mrs. F. H. Brink, president of the Morongo Basin TV Club, Inc., by Brig. Gen. R. M. Victory.

The check, presented in behalf of the Marine Corps Base, was to help substantiate funds for the installing and maintaining of a television rebroadcasting facility in that area.

A construction permit for a translator station on channel 70 at 29 Palms was granted Feb. 12 to the Morongo Basin TV Club, Inc. by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.

P-TA MEETING SET FOR YUCCA SCHOOL

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Parent-Teacher's Assn' will be held March 12 in the new cafetorium at the Yucca Valley School.

Bruce W. Black, park naturalist from 29 Palms, will speak on "Care and Use of Our National Parks and Monuments." He will illustrate his talk with color slides. Refreshments will be served.

If the front tires on your automobile are wearing rapidly, it may be due to incorrect alignment of front wheels, says the Automobile Club of Southern California. This is one of the most frequently encountered causes of extremely rapid tread wear of tires.

Work Started On Building

Construction started March 4 on George Evanoff's new building between Deer and Elk Trails on the 29 Palms highway in Yucca Valley. General contractor for the work is Ray L. Dill, of Banning.

The building, a 50 by 60 foot concrete block structure, will be divided into three units, suitable for store rental.

Evanoff, the owner, is the former owner of the G and M Market in Yucca Valley.

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